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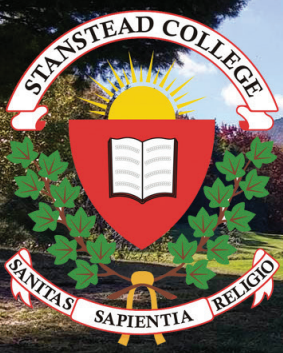
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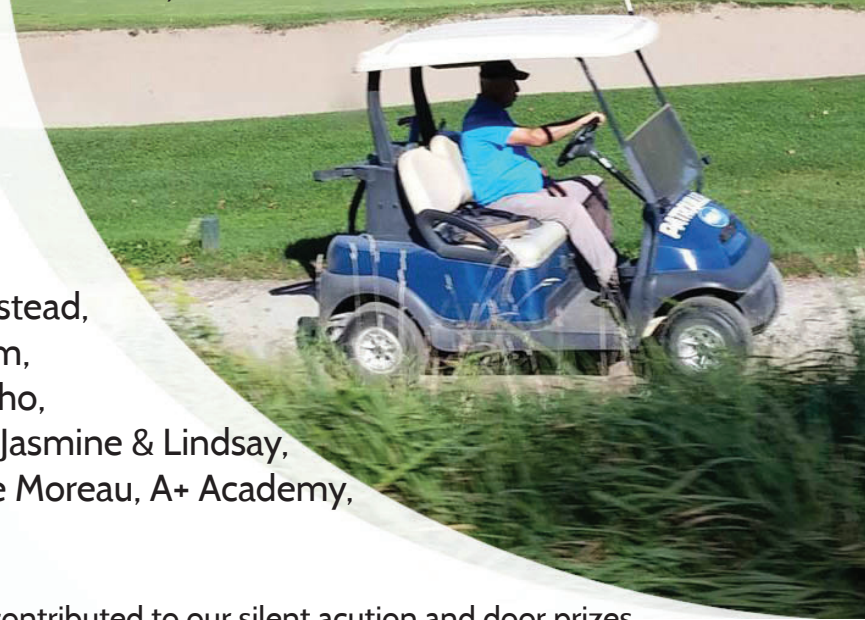
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Message from the Headmaster

This past October, Stanstead College welcomed a visiting committee from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). This committee consisted of peers from member schools who came to Stanstead to perform one of the final procedures for NEASC re-accreditation. Essentially, our visitors reviewed whether we were doing what we said we were doing in our own self-study.

That self-study is the key component of the process. Our teachers and staff members broke the school down into its various aspects – from programming to administration – and put them under the microscope. They then celebrated any successes, pointed out any warts.

We are obliged to undergo re-accreditation every 10 years, and it's integral to our school mission in terms of university prep. We are a Canadian school on the U.S. border, and NEASC accreditation allows our Grade 12s to more readily access universities and colleges in the United States. It's a natural and essential fit.

Equally important, this re-accreditation process forces us to step back from the hectic blur of school life to reflect on who we are. Otherwise, it would be very easy to keep on keepin' on, and that's how stagnation sets in. Moreover, the visiting committee reinforces that reflection, either by saying, "Yes, you're right..." or "Sure, but you missed this point..."

NEASC reaccreditation is a major undertaking, and I want to thank our employees for tackling it with enthusiasm and a spirit of openness. A great deal of pride went into this reflection. That's likely why we were so eager to welcome our guests on the visiting committee – because we were excited to show them who we are, what we do and how great our students can be. And, yes, the visiting committee went away impressed.

This issue of the *Red & White* continues on in that spirit of reflection as we look back on the last five years or so. Stanstead College has grown and continues to grow. This certainly presents challenges, and it will require further reflection to determine where we want to go and who we want to be as a school. But as we've already seen, reflection is good.

Enjoy this issue of the *Red & White*.



Headmaster Wolfe and Coach V with Kirsten (Layzell) McConnell ('93), a hockey pioneer at Stanstead. See Page 7.



Thomas Abbott of Stanstead (pictured above right) was the recipient of the Pitcher Prize, the school's top prize, at the annual Baccalaureate and Prize-Giving, held at Centenary Church this past June.

"All of us have the utmost respect for this year's recipient who is not only bright, thoughtful, dedicated and friendly but also compassionate, empathetic and an inspiration to everyone at Stanstead College," said Headmaster Michael Wolfe.

This year's co-head prefect (along with Kayla Ouellet, also of Stanstead), Thomas also won the Allan Family Friendship Cup for the second year.

For her part, Kayla Ouellet was named female senior athlete of the year and won the Colby House award. Both head prefects gave thoughtful and moving speeches at the service.

The Wilder Shield, won by the top all-around junior student, was won by Catherine Foullem, a Grade 9 student from Dieppe, NB.

The male senior athlete of the year was Ian Stagg of Halifax, NS, while the top student-athletes were Mya Daigle of Newport, Vt. and, a tie, Richard Legler of Candiac, Qc. and Loay Al Rashdi from Muscat, Oman.

Junior athletes of the year were Kieran Gallant of Covehead, PEI and Margot Rouquette of Montirion, France.

Tony Tu of Kunming, China earned the top average for students in Grade 12 along with the Spofforth Trophy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics and the Grade 12 Math and Physics prizes.

Two Vermont day students, Alex Bimm and Emily Willis, had the highest averages for Grade 11 and 10 respectively. Matthew Campbell, also from Vermont, was the top student in Grade 9. He also won the Banting Award, the Kenneth Reed Award and the Junior Debating Award.

Brianna Grapes of Waterville, Que. won the Gordon Usher-Jones Award, presented to the Grade 12 student who has attended Stanstead College for one year and who has made an exceptional contribution through involvement in all aspects of school life. Brianna was the first recipient of the E4E Scholarship, created entirely through fundraising by our school community and friends.

The 46 students in Grade 12 received offers from 25 Canadian, 19 US and two schools in Switzerland. Scholarship offers totaled over \$1.5 million.

Darren Gray '00:

EXCERPT FROM THE BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

The aura of success can be overpowering, and so when someone wildly successful gives us advice, we listen, hoping to learn something useful. We elevate modern visionaries like Mark Zuckerberg, the founder of Facebook, to cultural deity status when the more useful lessons would probably come from the countless failed Silicon Valley start-ups. If I had been invited here to speak because I had won millions in the lottery, what would I say? "Invest all your money in the lottery. Don't give up, even when things look bleak. I persevered and look at me now!" Of course, that would be ridiculous, and yet it's often difficult, even impossible, to distinguish with certainty, whether success was due to the actions and choices of the successful or a fortuitous combination of random circumstance.

So my advice is: don't take advice from successful people. No, of course not; but don't take it blindly. Better yet, take advice from happy people. Because that should be our goal, right? To lead a happy life? And what if you need success to be happy? Well, there's nothing wrong with that. We should all be ambitious in our goals, and strive for success. But don't let external measures of success define you. Don't let the dreams of others be your dreams. That may mean disappointing someone — maybe even a parent here today — but it's an important lesson in the long run. If you want to live a happy and successful life, take



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Seek happiness and success will follow

advice from passionate people. Because finding something you are passionate about – something that both challenges you and brings you joy – is the only route to achieving both.

You've all made, or will soon make, a choice about where you'll be, and what you'll do next year. Plans are good. Having a vision is good. But if it doesn't inspire you, you'll never reach the heights you aspire to. So follow the path you've laid, but don't be afraid to switch things up, and make sure you take a moment here and there to reflect and ask whether you're doing what you want to be doing or what you *think* you should be doing.

You've probably been told, when faced with a major life decision, to make a list of pros and cons. Don't. That's too impersonal for life's big moments; it's overly constrained by rational thought. Great for choosing cars, not for choosing careers. Instead, make a list of "whys" and "why-nots." When faced with two options, ask yourself "why" you'd choose one and not the other. And if one column fills up with whys like "money" or "prestige," while the other column contains words like "exciting," "challenging" or even why nots like "intimidating" and "uncertain," well, I know which choice I would make.

This philosophy has guided me well. I started

in engineering [...] but by second year I knew my passion lay elsewhere. It took me three years of studying physics to realize that the part of physics I really loved was math, and another two years of grad school to realize that the part of math I really loved was solving riddles. And every time I thought I had closed a door – leaving engineering, choosing not to pursue a PhD – I found it just left more room to fill with things I really loved, that challenged and inspired me at the same time. Today, in my work, I am still solving riddles, but they are riddles that nobody else has solved before – riddles that I'm not always sure can be solved. I've been trying to solve riddles my whole life – I can still remember the twelve-marble problem Mr. Van Dyke gave to me in Grade 10 – but now it's a career, and I know my work makes an impact in the world, and that makes me happy.

Some of the choices you'll be faced with – the ones where you need to make a list of whys and why-nots – the answer won't be so clear. Leaving behind a teaching career at Stanstead was a tough choice, and after grad school there was a real temptation to go back. By the measure I've described – by any measure, really – your teachers and the other dedicated staff at the college are some of the most successful people you'll meet. Can you possibly doubt it? Are they passionate? You'd know that after a week

spent on campus. Happy? Well, that's a bit tougher to tell, sometimes. It may surprise you to hear this, but correcting exams or supervising Friday night detention is not actually that enjoyable. But it comes with the territory, and it's a trade-off they all make, to a person, happily.

Are they successful? If the success of a teacher is measured in the quality of their students, then looking at the young women and men sitting before me today, it is evident in spades. But as proud as your teachers are, they can only take credit for building an environment in which you could thrive; the achievement is all yours. You've all worked hard to get here – harder than 99% of high school graduates. [...] One thing that has never changed is the astoundingly high expectations the school places on you. Classes, sports, clubs – every minute seemingly filled to the brim. But if there is one aspect of the Stanstead experience that will serve you, not just in university, but through your whole life, it's that you went through the ringer here and came out better for it.

Darren Gray (2000) is a graduate of Queen's University and McMaster. For two years, he was Admissions Officer, Math and Statistics teacher and assistant house director of Bugbee at Stanstead. He now works as a senior methodologist at Statistics Canada. He is also a Stanstead College director.



Andrea Dumas, Class of 2009, is the recipient of this year's Young Alumni Award. Since graduating from Stanstead, Andrea has been an active and enthusiastic alumna, and most recently became involved as a member of the Board of Directors. She has stepped down as a director because she has moved to Australia but will remain a trustee. We wish her the best of luck and know she will continue to spread the word about Stanstead College down under.



Guilherme Sperrotto of Brazil and Momoko Takaoka of Japan were named the Class Reps for the Class of 2017. They are seen here at the Baccalaureate Dinner with Director of Advancement LeeAnne Smith.

Memories Day

@ Stanstead



Back: Fred Keller (1961), Bernard Hallot (1960), Ian Spofforth (1944), Albert Cote (1953), Guy Poisson (1951), Steuart Levell (1954); front: Anthony Rotherham (1957), Bev (Gibson) Goodsell (1958), Jean McGilton, Nancy (Pugh) Graham (1954), Gordon McGilton (1949)

Alumni from the 40s to the early 60s returned to class in May as part of the school's Memories Day, a semi-annual event here at the school.

Most coming from Montreal, many of our visitors had not been back on campus for decades.

After gathering in LeBaron Lounge for a brief reception, the guests joined the students in the dining hall for lunch, where they received a warm round of applause.

Following lunch, the guests broke into groups and attended classes with the students. After attending Mr. Grenier's Grade 10 Music class, alumnus Bernard Hallot (1960) said, "It wouldn't be tough to do it again."

Headmaster Wolfe joined the guests in the Reading Room, where he gave a presentation on Stanstead College today, while Alice Liu, Grade 12, explained what a typical day was like.

The visitors also had an opportunity to tour campus and visit some old haunts. Albert Côté (1953) stopped into the senior boys locker room at the Pat Burns Arena where he was surprised and pleased to find his name on the wall among the list of team captains over the years.

Ian Spofforth, who was a young war evacuee from England when he attended Stanstead in the early 1940s, enthralled students with stories about coming to Canada, leading to a conversation about all the changes he and others of his generation have seen over their lifetimes.

After watching the team practices, the visitors returned home. We look forward to hosting them again soon.



Learning and service in *Vietnam*

What began as a sister-school relationship between Stanstead College and Olympia Schools in Vietnam has blossomed into an international philanthropy learning exchange.

Stanstead partnered with Olympia Schools in Hanoi a number of years ago under the direction of its principal Chris McDonald. As part of that partnership, the two schools began working remotely on a collaborative project, with the students driving the goals, the fundraising and the implementation.

From the beginning, the service component moved forward using the guiding principles of philanthropy, generosity, sustainability, internationalism, compassion and human kindness. The service component aimed at supporting and educating people living in less fortunate areas of Vietnam and Cambodia. The learning component is broad-based and covers topics such as: budgeting, cultural diversity, geography, project management, human resources management, raising money, teaching and learning, collaboration and problem solving.

During March break 2016, Stanstead sent its first delegation to Vietnam, lead by Director of Academics Andrew Blair. The students worked at Hong Ki Primary School and Yen Ninh orphanage in the rural parts

of northern Vietnam, where our students helped the school to build a protecting wall around the campus. They also interacted with the children by giving them free English lessons and playing recreational games with them.

"My experience in Vietnam was incredibly eye opening," says Jessica Lozano-Schmitt, now in Grade 12, who made that first excursion. "I'd never been so fully immersed in a culture I knew so little about. I gained a huge respect for the work that still needs to be done in Vietnam and all round the world, which has inspired me for my future carrier."

The Service Learning Project, as it came to be known, continued into 2017, with Chris McDonald now working at Stanstead College (he is now Director of International Affairs). With funds raised through bake sales, raffles and a donation by the local Rotary Club of the Boundary, the team of students travelled to Vietnam to build a playground and supply a school with technological facilities such as wi-fi routers, internet-enabled projectors and white screens. They also installed an awning to cover the students during their outdoor assemblies.

The project continues to expand. In addition to the March break service trip, Stanstead has begun a summer project in-

volving not only our students but students from the US, Vietnam and Cambodia, again working collaboratively.

This past summer, the delegates embarked on a two-week enrichment program – known as the Capstone Internship Program – working mainly with children from SOS Children's Village in Pleiku, Vietnam. In addition to playing games with them, students collaborated with a local neighbourhood to open a free language centre. Over 60 children attended twice a day for free lessons. Thus, the group worked with over 150 kids of all ages over the two-week span. Finally, they interacted with small business owners in the community who had children with Down syndrome.

This initiative will continue in 2018. To find out more about Capstone, visit "Summer Camps" on the Stanstead College website.

"It is such a unique experience where we, the students, are the ones who shape everything about the trip," said Lozano-Schmitt. "I'm so proud of how much we've achieved in the past three years and am excited to return again this year."



Years of Growth



ADMISSIONS Director of Admissions Joanne Carruthers credits the increase in enrolment to a number of causes: 1) increased demand internationally for Canadian schools; 2) recognition of and desire for our niche programs (particularly girls hockey and prep hockey); 3) the strong Canadian economy; and finally retention.

Year	Boarding	Day	Total
2008	148	58	206
2009	130	44	174
2010	131	50	181
2011	132	60	192
2012	140	56	196
2013	123	72	195
2014	147	65	212
2015	153	66	219
2016	170	68	238
2017	171	75	246

If attracting students to Stanstead College is the job of the Admissions Department, keeping them here is everyone's job. Retention rates, therefore, become an indicator of overall student satisfaction.

"Increased retention rate is also likely the result of admitting more mission-appropriate students," says Ms. Carruthers. "As our numbers and applications have increased, we have had the privilege of being more selective, which in turn means that our students are a better fit for us and us for them."

RETENTION RATE	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Students Eligible to Return	127	128	113	130	127	120	116	136	143	164
Students who returned	98	100	88	113	103	100	113	130	132	149
Retention rate	77%	78%	78%	87%	80%	83%	96%	96%	92%	91%

Ten years ago, North America was on the verge of a major recession, one that would have an impact on countless business and corporations, including boarding schools in Canada and the United States. Schools that had been relying on their endowments to support operations saw their investments shrink. Parents who might otherwise have enrolled their children in private school had second thoughts. This on top of a declining demographic resulted in some boarding schools closing their doors.

Stanstead College, however, weathered the storm. While there was a substantial drop in enrolment following the 2008 recession – from 206 on opening day to 174 – the school rebounded and is in fact now enjoying a period of considerable growth.

Much of this growth has occurred in the past five years thanks to the efforts of our dedicated team in Admissions.

"Joanne Carruthers has been the Director of Admissions for the past 13 years and has traveled the country and the globe to recruit students who endorse and then live out our mission," said Headmaster Michael Wolfe. "Recruitment success, both at home and abroad, is about building relationships, and these are not made overnight. It takes time to get to know the details about our school, the program offered and the people who make it all work."

That requires a significant amount of travel on the part of our Admissions team. They do it willingly and always with energy and enthusiasm, said Mr. Wolfe.

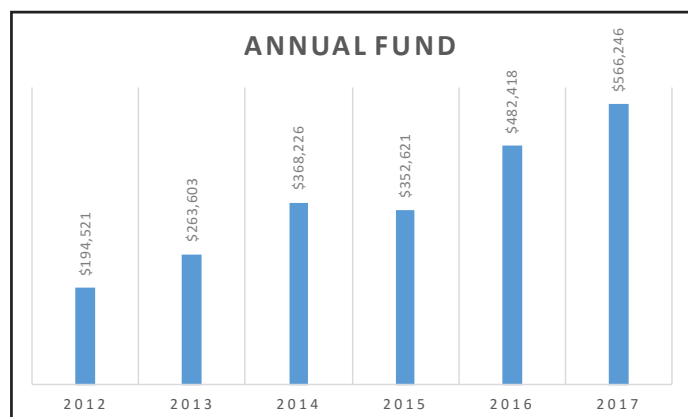
Despite our growing numbers, we are still a small school, so finding the right fit, for students and for Stanstead, is critically important. We are fortunate to have an Admissions team that always carries out this important task with the utmost attention and care, he said.

INFRASTRUCTURE Following a major capital campaign that resulted in the construction of the Pat Burns Arena in 2011, Stanstead College continued to develop and update its infrastructure. The most visible change is the conversion of the former swimming pool to a gymnasium, thanks to a gift by alumnus John W. Mackay.

In addition, keyless locks have been added to most buildings to improve security.

The school also acquired Centenary United Church from the local congregation for a nominal fee.

The Stanstead College Annual Fund is the major fundraising component of the school, providing financial aid and program support. In 2011-12 fiscal year, the Advancement Office raised \$194,000 through the Annual Fund. That amount has increased fairly steadily, finishing in 2016-17 with an amount of \$566,246. This is an important figure; as enrolment increases, so does demand for financial assistance and the cost of running the school. In 2017-18, the school has provided nearly \$1.7 million in financial aid to families.



The school's tentpole fundraising event – the Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament – has seen a steady increase in growth, raising \$27,000 in 2012 to a record \$55,000 this past fall. In that period, the tournament moved from a spring event to a fall event, coinciding with Homecoming. The school also added and developed an online auction to accompany the tournament, allowing remote supporters to participate.

This period also saw the creation of a Montreal fundraising event, the Entrepreneurs for Education gala, which to date has raised nearly \$200,000.

The school has likewise seen a healthy increase in participation rate in the Annual Fund. This is particularly true in gifts to the school from current parents, increasing from 11.8% to 37%.

Participation in Annual Fund						
Fiscal Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Board of Directors	73.3	86.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.3
Trustees	34.0	50.9	51.6	68.0	88.9	88.5
Alumni	3.8	6.7	4.9	5.7	6.9	6.2
Parents	11.8	14.6	20.3	29.1	36.2	37.0
Faculty/Staff	41.3	89.3	82.4	68.0	73.7	73.5

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Financial aid offered	1,187,014	1,398,801	1,617,050	1,642,234	1,697,934

Post-Secondary Scholarship Offers

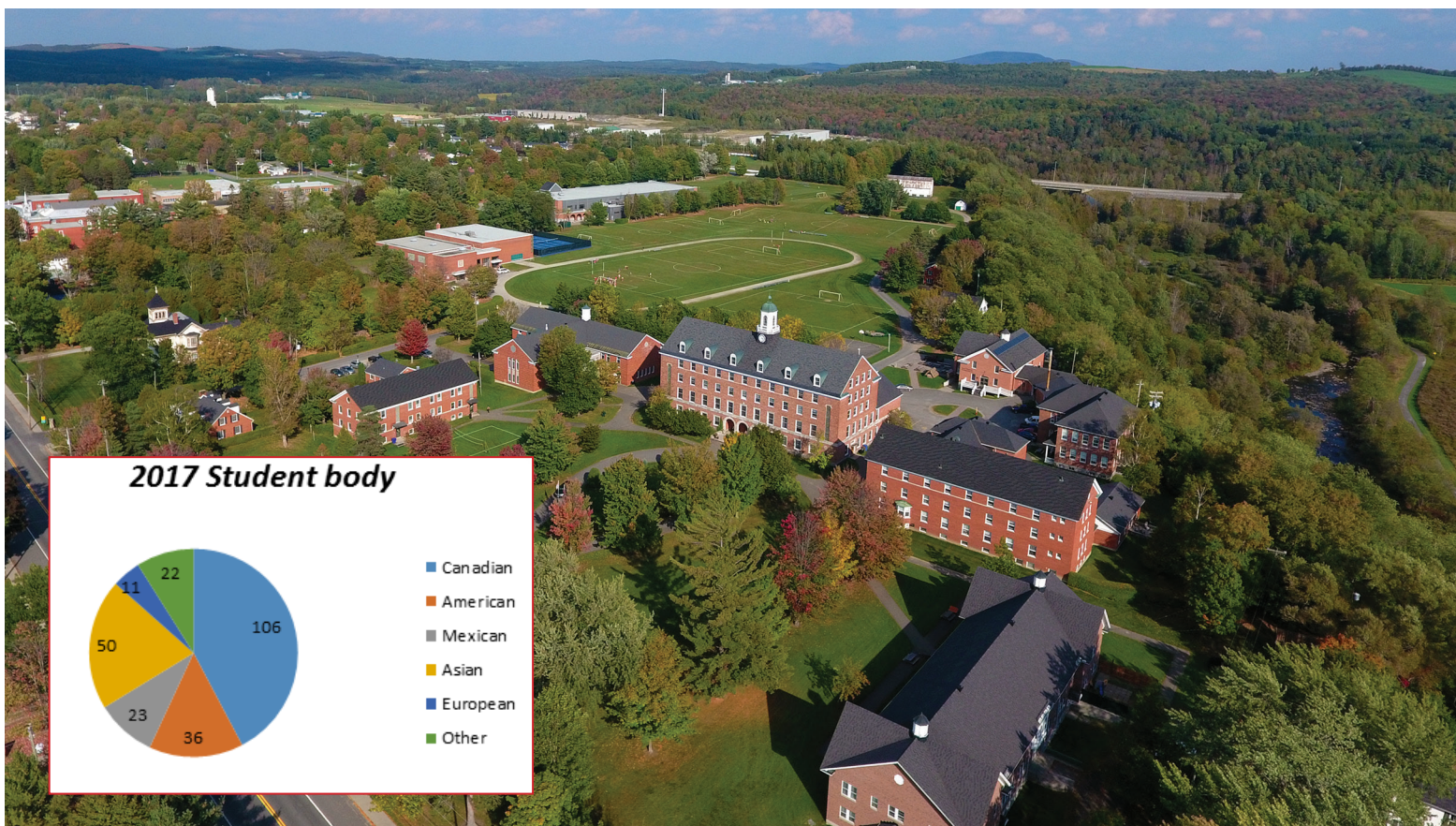
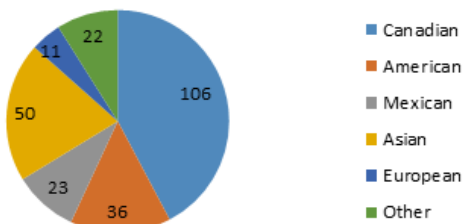
	#Students	# Scholarships	\$\$\$
2012	42	47	1 million
2013	39	47	1 million
2014	45	80	unavailable
2015	59	48	1.8 million
2016	53	21	1.1 million
2017	46	43	1.5 million

AP subject enrolments

	# Students	#Exams	# Subjects
2012	33	75	8
2013	35	85	10
2014	55	102	11
2015	66	133	12
2016	72	150	12
2017	62	122	12

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2017 Student body



Years of Growth

ATHLETICS

While it's difficult to quantify the athletics program in terms of growth, it is safe to say that sports at Stanstead College continue to thrive and adapt to the needs of the school and the students.

Several interscholastic programs have been added to better serve the student body without taking away from existing programs. These have included **badminton**, with resources, attention and professional development being given especially in the past two years in an effort to bolster the program, which serves 24 students. Three years ago **lacrosse** was added as a spring option. While this has been an exhibition program to date, the plan is to improve the lacrosse schedule going forward through contacts in Montreal. Yoga was added in 2016-17 as a supplemental option to the spring term (i.e. in addition to a spring sport). A pilot senior girls **volleyball** intramural option will be tried this winter term, while a pilot **track** program will be added to the 2017-18 spring term.

In 2015-16, the varsity boys and girls **hockey** program became a two-term sport (fall and winter) making it more competitive with other schools already offering such an option. This has allowed Stanstead to continue to recruit top student-athletes. These Spartans are regularly represented among national and provincial teams and continue to receive scholarship offers from universities in Canada and the United States. Several players have made the NHL Draft watch list

The two-term option did, however, have an impact on other sports, in particular **football**, whose player numbers had already been in decline. The football program was discontinued two seasons ago.

It should also be mentioned that an attempt to develop an elite varsity boys' **basketball** team was abandoned. While the school saw success in terms of winning, for example, the Visser Trophy and other tournaments, the model was deemed not sustainable. The boys' senior program has now moved back to local league play. In fact, in addition to traditional ETIAC play, both the girls' and boys' senior basketball teams joined the regional RSEQ league in 2016, providing competition against local French high schools.

The *Greatest* Award

“Stanstead College has always measured success in terms of participation, effort, and sportsmanship. While there has been an increase of late in ETIAC league and playoff championships (soccer, basketball, rugby, tennis and golf), as well as first-ever signature tournament victories (Girls CAIS Soccer, Dunn Provincial Tournament, MacLeod Provincial Tournament), the true mark of success is how competitive Stanstead College continues to be at all levels of all sports despite our small size. Almost every student who wants to play a sport here is able to play that sport (unlike at larger schools), and thanks to devoted coaches (who in their spare time are full time teachers), we continue to field competitive teams year after year, providing our student body with the invaluable opportunity to learn and grow through competitive sport, *which is the point of high-school sport*. No one does it better than we do.”

– Erik Van Dyke, Director of Athletics



ANNUAL DONATIONS 2016-17 REPORT



"At Stanstead, I made bonds that will last a lifetime. I honed my academic, athletic and musical skills, all of which wouldn't have been possible without Stanstead, and more importantly, the generous scholarship I received, and for that I am thankful. I was given an amazing opportunity."

- Kiefer Hayward (pictured, far right)
Class of 2017
freshman, King's College at Western

Thank you to the following alumni, parents, parents of alumni, teachers, staff, friends and organizations who support Stanstead College. Through donations to the Stanstead College Annual Fund, endowments and Pat Burns Arena campaign, our donors raised over \$1.38 million.



Founders' Club (\$10,000 +)

Anonymous
1946 Gertrude Ketcham
1952 W. John Mackay
1972 Jonathan and Judith Cowen
1968 Georges Beaubien
1977 Matthew Stevenson
1977 Stephen Carden
1988 Patrick Varin
152245 Canada Inc.
Robert Archambault
Peter and Susan Ashworth
Louis Bélanger-Martin
Conam Charitable Foundation
Eric T. Webster Foundation
Susan Fitzpatrick
Stephane Martel and Lynda Gagné
J.H.C. Investments Inc.
Les Développements du Canal Inc.
R. Howard Webster Foundation
The Scraire Family
Philip and Judith Webster

Trustees' Club (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

1951 Brian Fluhmann
Hujian Hu and Mei Ding
Zhang Xiang Huang and Hai Qing Chen
Ge Jin and Yanping Jiang
Qingfeng Li and Zhifen Huang
Weili Tang and Jing Li
Adolfo Tolentino Lopez and Miriam Enriquez Solis
Top Marks
United Church of Canada Foundation
Rong Xiang and Xiaomin Guo
Gongliu Yang and Ningzhi Song
Zeller Family Foundation

Headmaster's Club (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

1953 William Fluhmann
1954 Peter Daniel
1978 Monty Allan
Hsi-Yuan Chen and Jhy-Yaa Yang
Daniel Gao and Song Ye
Shengsuo Guo and Zhiyan Zhang
Ki Sang Lee and Ji-Yeon Kwon
Kwok Shun Leung and Shui Ho Ma
Jiang Lin and Li Li
Rong Lin and Huaxian Du
Fanji Meng and Yue Jin
Yong Pan and Ying Chen
David Poulin and Sophie Paradis

Rotary Club of the Boundary
Soo Kyung Ryu
Ther-Hart Ranch Inc.
Jingyu Wang and Min Ding
Christian Wells
Michael and Amy Wolfe
Nong Zhao and Furong Zhang
Ziqian Zhu and Jieling Hu

Tallman Pitcher Club (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

1938 Joyce (Thomas) Halpin
1952 Frederick Robert Pugh
1953 Stanley and JoAnne Holmes
1964 Meredith Hayes
1971 Hugh Gurd
1976 George Baptist
1977 John Nadeau
1980 Samuel MacCallum
1983 Rebecca Nienkamper and Blaise Hayward
1994 George Diamandopoulos
1999 Mathieu Béliveau
2001 Sean Maas
2005 Jeremy Stuart
Yasumasa and Kumi Asami
Andrew Blair and Barbara Wilkin-son
Ming Cai and Chen Du
James A. Campbell
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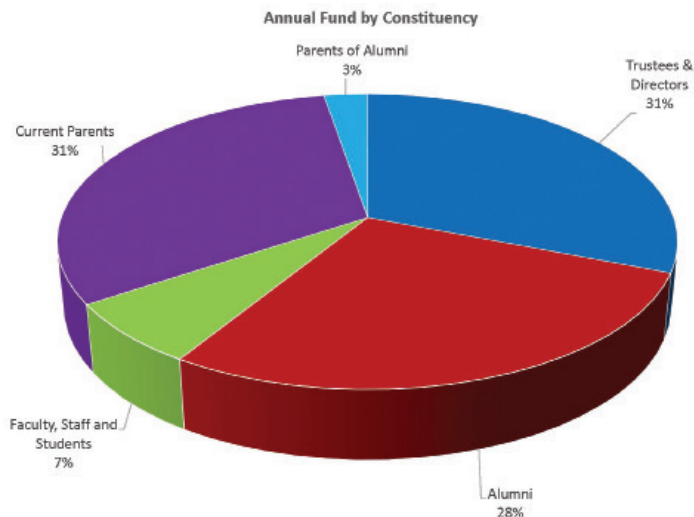
Major S Club (\$500 - \$999)

1958 Charles Gordon Edgar
1959 David Béasse
1961 Ted Veit
1965 Jack Walker
1967 A. Bruce McKelvey
1969 Joseph Levy
1970 Tim Manning
1970 J. Dugald Ross
1981 Randy Goodleaf
1983 Claudia Hess-Brideau
1985 J. Patrick Kelly
1985 Zubin Panthaki
1991 Martin Béasse
1993 Kimberly Quinn
1993 Akiko Watanabe
1994 Vijayant Bala
1998 Peter Atkin
1998 Yanne Root
1999 Adam Spirk
2000 Darren Gray
2000 JD Ross
2002 Dominic Besner
2007 Rebecca Rau
2008 Alex Skoropad
2009 Logan Vanasse
Anonymous (3)
9324-0356 Quebec Inc.
Jose Miguel Aparicio Ferrer and Emma Casanova
Joanne Carruthers
Charles W. Colby
Pedro Gil Nieva and Victoria Godez Ramirez
Peter and Linda Leus
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 2008 Julian Perrotta
 2009 Olivier Charette
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 2010 Ryan Bedard
 2010 Vincent Lecompte Noel
 2012 Jordan Buck Thompson
 2012 Matthew Martin
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 2013 Simon Brosseau
 2013 Landon Gareau
 2013 John Perretta
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 2016 Antoine Belisle
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THAT GIRL ON THE BOYS' TEAM

Kirsten (Layzell) McConnell '93 recognized for breaking barriers

Kirsten Layzell McConnell (centre back) was proud to pose with this year's Girls Hockey Spartans along with Coach Sarah Vaillancourt and Assistant Coach Mike Wolfe.

During Homecoming this fall, the Stanstead College Girls Hockey Spartans paid tribute to a school pioneer. While girls hockey existed at Stanstead College from its early days all the way through to the 1950s, it died out for many years at Stanstead College. There was no place for the girls to play.

But in 1992-93, Kirsten Layzell (now Kirsten McConnell) joined the senior boys' team, among the first to do so in Quebec.

Prior to their on-ice practice this past September, McConnell took to the ice to speak to the girls about that experience and what it meant. But first she had to tell her daughter about what was going to be happening at Stanstead. Her daughter said, "Really, Mom? What's the big deal? EVERYONE PLAYS HOCKEY!"

"But girls just didn't play back then," she recalls. "It wasn't a thing, and we didn't question it."

In fact, families were going to court to allow girls to play with the boys. But, according to then-coach Andrew Retchless, Kirsten asked to try out and the Athletics Department agreed. "[Headmaster Barry Gallant] agreed too, as long as we could assure her safety and dignity," he recalls.

It wasn't an entirely seamless transition, however. McConnell remembers being booed when she walked on the ice and fans throwing soda tins at her during warm-up.

But she does give credit for the boys on her team accepting her.

"If they didn't want me on their team, they never voiced it, and their actions made me feel supported. I felt great pride sitting in my converted broom closet with the star on the door. But this truly was a lesson in being comfortable with the uncomfortable. We knew we were walking into some interesting times, but as a team we faced them together."

She also remembers the entire team jumping the bench and starting a brawl when one of the opposing players was aiming for her.

Kirsten scored a single goal as a player — at home. The crowd went wild. "Just an amazing feeling, and I have spent years bragging about the fact that [past

parent] Guy Lafleur was there to witness it," she says.

Twenty-five years later, Kirsten is equally thrilled that Stanstead College is now home to one of the top girls high school teams in the country.

"You are now inspiring young girls across the country," she told the Spartans. "Keep it up and keep making us proud."



The earliest record of women's hockey at Stanstead College dates back to 1900, seen here. At the time, women were required to play in long skirts. Men were not allowed to watch the games with the exception of the referees and the employees of the arena.



The Circus Comes to Town

Matthew Stevenson ('77) brings his passion for 'hanging out' to Stanstead College

Matthew Stevenson (1977) has done a lot of things in his life: banking, advertising, the music industry, funeral director. But his epiphany came about eight years ago, 27 feet up in the air.

He was at a Club Med with his family, and among the activities was a flying trapeze. The instructor said to him, "You should come." Stevenson said, "Are you crazy?" or words slightly more profane.

But Stevenson noticed that everyone coming off the trapeze had the biggest smiles on their faces. So he watched. For a week he watched. And, on his final day, he climbed the ladder. Then he jumped.

"It was the most fun I ever had with my clothes on," he says.

Flying through the air, he said, was the most incredible feeling. He doesn't describe himself as an adrenaline junkie, but it thrilled him. And he was hooked.

"I'm a skinny guy," he says.

"I grew up skinny, I was no good at sports, I was uncoordinated. This gave me such a sense of where I am in space. I realized I could do something physical and do it well."

Back in Toronto, Stevenson has been undergoing circus training and, on two occasions, performing since that visit to Club Med. He passed on his love of acrobatics to his daughter and, this past spring, to Stanstead College students as well.

To mark the 40th anniversary of his graduation from Stanstead College, Stevenson arranged to have four circus performers, led by Toronto performer and acrobat Joanne Galligan of *Femme du Feu* and *Circus in the Trees*, come to Stanstead College to teach students aerial silks, aerial hoop, acro-balancing, static trapeze and juggling.

Sessions for junior students were incorporated into their regularly scheduled Physical Education classes, while senior students and teachers had an opportunity to participate after classes, closing with a final performance.

Arranging for the circus to come to town was more than just marking Stevenson's time at Stanstead, however. It was also about creating possibilities.

"When I thought about this, what would have happened if I as a 17-year old had been exposed to circus? Would my life have been different, or would I have stayed in smoking room?" he wonders. "To give an opportunity of this kind to a kid, it might open doors that he never thought possible."

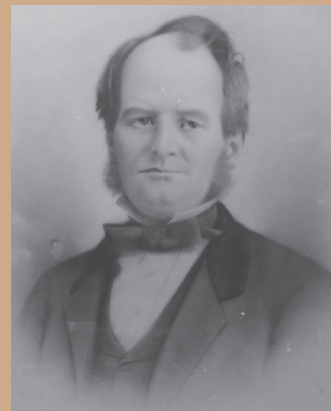
In fact, Stevenson remembers one student in particular from this past spring. He seemed a little more awkward around his peers than the other kids. "But he got up. He did it. He may never do it again, but he did it."





We take pleasure in announcing that this institution is to be opened on Wednesday the 7th of January next. The Contractor, Geo. G. Bryant Esq. of Sherbrooke, having completed his contract, the building is now being furnished with all things necessary to ensure the comfort, and promote the health and happiness, of all who may seek the educational advantages offered by this "real Peoples' College."

Left: The original Stanstead College building.
Above: Excerpt from *The Stanstead Journal* announcing the opening of "the real Peoples' College."
Right: the Honorable T.L. Terrill, MP for Stanstead and an original member of the board



Day 1: The opening year

By Audrey Hamilton

When Stanstead Wesleyan College finally opened on January 7, 1874, the entire community was ecstatic. Construction had started in 1872, and in August 1873 the hope was still to open the facility in the middle of November. However, cold and harsh winters had slowed down the process and it was now the middle of the school year.

The idea of waiting until the following September to open the doors never crossed the mind of the stockholders, however; they were probably hoping to start making money out of their investment. Stanstead Wesleyan College would then be opened for the school year 1873-1874 from January 7 to June 30, plenty of times for two full terms.

The building that had been erected was a massive one for the time. Constructed of granite and brick, it was five stories in height with dimensions of 142'x 52' with a wing of 37' x 42'. It was advertised that it could house not only all teachers but 200 student boarders and 100 day students. Rooms had also been set aside for servants. It had a Ruttan system of ventilation, was lighted with gas and hot, with cold water supplied to every floor. A sewage system had also been put in place, which was still novelty enough for the board to boast about. Rooms were furnished at a cost of \$3 per week, and each one consisted of a closet, chairs, bedsteads, bedding, a wash-stand, a stove, a bureau, a mirror and a table.

Each wing housed a different gender to preserve modesty. Between the wings

could be found the classrooms, the parlour (which was furnished by ladies of the community at a cost of \$800) as well as the apartments of the governor and principal. A piano had also been acquired from the Channell family at a cost of \$260US for the pleasure of the students.

When the idea of building a school in Stanstead had first been discussed, the option of making it a Ladies College had been thoroughly examined, but the proponents of a co-educational establishment had prevailed. Rules would have to be set in place to make sure that proper behaviour would be enforced and to reassure parents that their children would be in good hands. Both sexes would attend the same classes, but they occupied different sections in the classrooms and were not allowed to talk to one another. They had separate entrances to the building as well as separate grounds. The only time they could mingle was during meals and in the parlour when chaperoned by members of the faculty.

Opening Day enrolment

These regulations seem to have been enough for the community. On its first year, out of the 139 students who walked the halls, 71 were ladies and 68 were gentlemen. Approximately 20 students were boarders. Stanstead Wesleyan College's first graduate would also be young woman, Clara J. Stevens, who would graduate with a MEL (English) Ladies Collegiate diploma.

One mission of the school was to provide as many academic options as possible in order to reach the largest number of

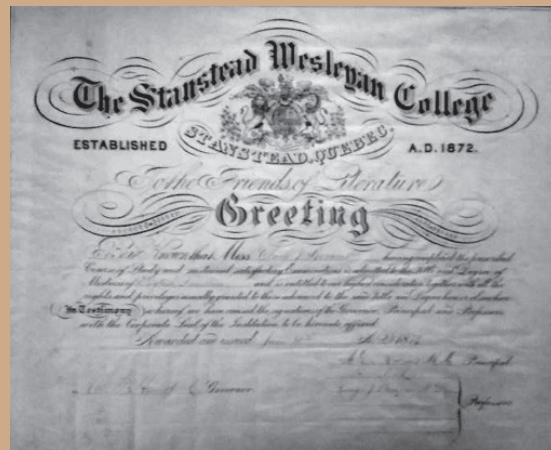
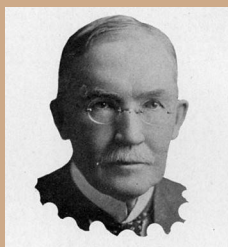
students. Therefore, different degrees were available based on the student's gender. Ladies could choose a three-year course in English, a four-year course in Modern Languages or a four-year course in Classics. Gentlemen had their pick among a common English course, an Academic course, a teacher's preparatory course (normal school), college preparatory, the Industrial and Scientific Department or the Commercial Department (which offered penmanship, bookkeeping, banking and commercial law). Also available were classes in fine arts (music, drawing, painting, etc.). Although a virtuous idea, staffing challenges made the execution difficult. Several gentlemen had to be hired as co-examiners to cope with the work. Different levels of students of the same subjects had to be put together due to a lack of staff, making more advanced students wait for their peers in order to continue their learning. Some adapted to this situation, others lost patience and left the school.

Fees were deemed respectable and in keeping with what was happening elsewhere in the region. They were also ideologically as low as possible in order to allow as many students as possible to attend. Fees were due per term, as can be seen in the image at left. Note that children of clergymen would get a discount of 12%. The governor also had the liberty to reduce the tuition fees to families who sent more than one child to the College.

Prestigious families

Who were the students that came to Stanstead Wesleyan during its first year? Most of them came from all the

STANSTEAD WESLEYAN COLLEGE, Stanstead, P. Q.	
The SPRING TERM commences on WEDNESDAY FEB. 11th, 1874.	
Rev. A. LEE HOLMES, B. A., Principal. Miss E. A. FLANDERS, Preceptress.	
With a competent staff of Teachers, are engaged to give instruction in the follow- ing carefully arranged courses of Study, and at the rates per term as indicated:	
1. Common English Department, \$5.00	
2. Academic, " 6.00	
3. Normal School, " 7.00	
4. Industrial and Scientific, " 7.00	
5. Ladies' Collegiate, " 8.00	
6. College Preparatory, " for young men, " 8.00	
7. Commercial dept's for the course, 20.00	
Extra charges for lessons in "Fine Arts" including Music, Drawing, Painting, Wax Work, etc.	
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Left: A listing of fees from *The Stanstead Journal*

Above: Dr. Charles Dexter Ball and Eugene Cowles, two of the original students of SWC

Right: Clara J. Stevens' diploma is now on display in the reading room of Colby House.

at Stanstead College

prestigious families of the region: Haskell, Colby, Stevens, Pierce, Ball, Moulton, etc. If their families had not yet left their trace on the Eastern Townships or elsewhere, they would do so in the next 30 years. Among them, Dr. Charles Dexter Ball, who would become a respected member of the Medical Association of Orange County, California; and Eugene Cowles who would travel the United States and Canada as an opera singer. They also came from all parts of the region as well as Vermont. One student had even made the journey from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Their teachers were respected members in their field and came highly praised and recommended. Led by Rev. William Hansford as the governor of the school (as well as teacher of mental and moral science, and evidences of Christianity) and Rev. A. Lee Holmes as principal (who also taught Classics and Higher Mathematics), the teachers consisted of: George Bompas (Physical Science, Drawing); W.H. Lee (Commercial department and Librarian); C.C. Colby (Jurisprudence, Commercial and Constitutional Law); Jane Flanders (preceptress and French teacher); Mrs. W.H. Lee (History, English, Painting and Ornamental Arts); Helen Giles (German and Italian); and Lizzie Haskell (Rhetoric, English Literature, Music). Two of these teachers would end up having buildings named after them, namely Mr. Holmes and Mr. Colby.

Prominent members of society

The school was run by a board of directors. While many came from religious denominations (including Rev. Samuel Rice, Rev. Joseph Hagar, Rev. George Douglas and Rev. George Washington),

some were also preeminent members of society, including the Honorable T.L. Terrill, MP for Stanstead and a respected lawyer of the region. These men were pillars in their fields, and portraits of them used to decorate the walls of the school. A lithography of Hon. T.L. Terrill was recently identified in the archives of the college. It is also important to note that, although the members of the board came from different religious background, it was the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada that had "pledged its moral aid and support... and assured the friends who [had] undertaken this noble work, that they could depend upon the patronage and hearty sympathy of the Conference in working out the enterprise." They were therefore in charge of the moral government and religious attitude of the school.

Many of these directors were present at the official opening of the school, lauding praise on the project. Their biggest worry was that the school would not remain Canadian at heart, being so close to the American border. They were not afraid that peace was short term but that eventually the curriculum would be borrowed from our neighbours and not used to "lay the foundation of our country's greatness on the secure one of education." It has to be remembered that Canada was a very young country at the time (being only 7 years old), and some educators did not believe in promoting this new endeavour but preferred sticking to a British nationalism. The Fenian raids were also fresh in the minds of many men, the event being a couple of years old.

When all gathered on June 30 for the first closing exercises, most felt satisfied

in their choice of Stanstead for the location of this new school. In 1873-1874, Stanstead was a wealthy town that could hold its own against the large cities of the province without many of their pitfalls. The air was said to be pure, the scenery was and still is breathtaking, it was far from "many temptations" of the time and, very importantly, it was free from the threat of malaria and other diseases that would strike during the summer. Stanstead was also a terminus for all the main railway lines and was easily reachable from Sherbrooke, Montreal, Boston, Springfield and New York.

Sun before clouds

So they all came out on that summer day in the commodious lecture room of the school to congratulate themselves and the first graduate of the school. Talks were made by Rev. Professor Townsend, D.D., of Boston University. Essays were read by students and vocal and instrumental numbers finished the program.

Optimism reigned on that day. However, a small dark cloud was still present in the sky. Of the \$42,000 necessary to build the school, \$16 135 was still in subscription with a balance of \$2406. An additional \$2000 was expected in order to ease the finances. These numbers might look small nowadays, but considering that a student was paying roughly 7\$ per term, it was a huge debt to clear. The plan at first was to negotiate a loan and collect more subscriptions. This financial situation, however, would follow the school for the next couple of years, until the Methodist Church took sole ownership and the stockholders sold back their shares in the school.



1944

Kathleen Brown visited campus for the first time in many years, bringing with her two close friends from her home in Guelph, Ont. where she was professor of Family Economics until her retirement several years ago. During a brief tour of campus she recalled knitting in the Colby Reading Room during the war while the boys performed drills outside. "I think we did more by knitting than the boys did by walking," she joked. Kathleen was shown around by Director of Communications Ross Murray, who has worked with Dr. Brown in producing a number of Stanstead Historical Society Journals over the past several years.



1977

Stephen Cardin visited Stanstead College this past October for the first time in 35 years. He lives in Geneva, Switzerland. He's seen here with **Dugie Ross** (1970).

1993

Kristen Denney-Calahane dropped by the school in August where she was able to show son Fletcher the panel honouring his grandfather **Brian Denney** (1964) in the Amaron Gym.



1994

Kate and **Robert Scobie** were delighted to welcome Beatrice, who arrived the morning of Thursday, June 15, weighing six pounds and nine ounces, sister to Ella.



2002

Rob Retchless and Ashley Waye are the proud new parents of baby boy Avery Burton Waye-Retchless, born on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 10:10 pm, at Michael Garron Hospital in Toronto, weighing 9 lbs, 7 oz.



2009

Frank Riddle married Alex Pedersen this past September in Fort Erie, Ontario with best men and classmates **Jessie Halikas** and **Ryan Bedard**. Also on hand were **Julian Perrotta** and **Andrea Dumas** as well as Mike and Amy Wolfe. Frank works for Royal Bank.

2010

Matthew Robertson and girlfriend Rachael Broecker stopped by the school this summer where they met with **Logan Vanasse** (2009) now working in



our Advancement Office. Matt is playing hockey with the Kansas City Mavericks in the ECHL.

2011

This past June, **Frank Lee** was awarded the Dr. John Hepburn Award from the Medical Alumni Association at University of Toronto to honour a young and successful PhD student in cardiovascular research. He was invited to the convocation banquet of the graduating medical class of 2017. This is a prestigious award created by one of the co-founders of the Heart & Stroke Foundation to assist in cardiovascular research.

2013



Hunter Lively and **Andrew Donaldson** (2014) both graduated this past spring from Acadia University where they were roommates. Andrew was happy

to complete his degree in three years thanks to his AP courses at Stanstead (30 credits). Hunter graduated in Kinesiology and is taking Business at Dalhousie this fall, while Andrew graduated with honours in Business and is off to law school at U of Ottawa.



2015

Sydney Davis met up with former Bugbee housemate **Alex Liddel-Grainger** (2018) during Laurier University's recent exhibition game against the Bishop's University Gaitsers.



2016

The Wolfe family (represented here by Hayley) ran into **Jamal Mayali** during a recent pre-season basketball game at McGill University, where Jamal is now studying.



During her gap year, **Susannah Wolfe** had opportunities to meet up with **Coralie Belair** (2012) in Germany, **Olivia Ludwig** (2014) in Northern Ireland, **Charlotte Cannone** (2016) in France, plus **Jordyn Pimm** (2016) and **Joyce Halpin** (1938) in Ottawa.



Faculty and Staff

Co-workers, friends and family gathered this summer to mark the retirement of **Kevin Philip** after a quarter century of teaching, his final seven at Stanstead, where he was a lifer. He is seen here with parents and fellow Stanstead retirees Judy and **Alex Philip** (1957).



Former faculty **Peter Ashworth** and wife Sue were on campus this fall to meet Charlotte Riddel, Grade 10, this year's recipient of the Ashworth Scholarship.

In Memoriam

1949

Robert Gordon died peacefully at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital in Kingston, Ont. on February 20, 2017 at the age of 80. He is survived by partner Juliet Milsome, former wife Diane Gordon and children Christopher and Sian. Robert was a professor of chemistry at Queen's University for 30 years. After retiring in 1996, he volunteered for numerous activities, including Martha's Table, the Income Tax Clinic, the Marine Museum and the Rideau Trail. In 2013, he received the City of Kingston Distinguished Citizen Award and in 2010 the Provincial Outstanding Volunteer Award. He was a dedicated member of the Chalmers United Church choir for over 40 years and was an avid outdoorsman.



1954

Edgar A. Boadway Jr., at age 80, died peacefully at home in Claremont, NH on June 29, 2016. He was an author, editor, proofreader, teacher as well as an organ builder and organ historian. He attended Stanstead until Grade 10 and finished his schooling at Kimball Union in New Hampshire. After graduating from UVM and later UNH, he was drafted into the army, where his typing skills earned him a spot fulfilling clerical duties. From 1962 to 1966, he worked for the Andover Organ Company in Massachusetts and then began his career as a school teacher, most notably as an English teacher at Claremont Middle School from 1970 to 1983. He also served as a church organist across New England.

1960

Eric Meth died suddenly on April 4, 2017 at his home at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

at age 71. He was a teacher, mentor and active in a number of organizations in the region. He is survived by his wife Connie.



1981

Rita Nakis-Greaver of Plantation, Florida passed away November 2, 2017. Originally from Montreal, she was a neonatal nurse and nurse practitioner for over 25 years in South Florida. She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Jeff Greaver, her loving children Bianca Beltran (David) and Philip Greaver, her grandchildren David and Bailey Beltran, her mother, Monique Lesage as well as siblings, family and friends.

1990

On 12 October 2017 **Matthew Seah** died suddenly at his home in Montreal. He was 44. He was the son of Stanley Seah and Victoria Lees, brother of Tim Seah (Isabelle Champagne) and Camille Seah (Troy Shortell), half-brother of Jade Seah, uncle of Benjamin and Elliott Seah and of Cordelia, Susannah, and Jemima Shortell. Matthew is remembered for his gentleness, his intense drive for fairness and justice, his charm and his rollicking sense of humour and fun.

2000

Samantha Stremmelaar died accidentally in Perth, Ontario, on August 7, 2017 at the age of 35. She had been living in Kitchener, Ontario, and was working for Sun Life Financial. She is survived by parents Henk and Vicki Stremmelaar in Stanstead and sister Amber (Aaron) as well as many family members and friends. Samantha loved the outdoors, travel, photography and adventure. She also continued to be an avid soccer player.

2006

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death on May 30, 2017 of **Sean Ingutia**, a Stanstead College trustee, following a sudden illness. Sean was a prefect and a dedicated Spartan who kept Stanstead close to his heart. He had been living in Ottawa and working for the federal government. Sean was actively involved in the jazz band while at Stanstead, and in his honour the Music Prize has been renamed the Sean Kevin Ingutia Music Award.



Koray Celik passed away on March 6, 2017 at the age of 28.

Homecoming 2017



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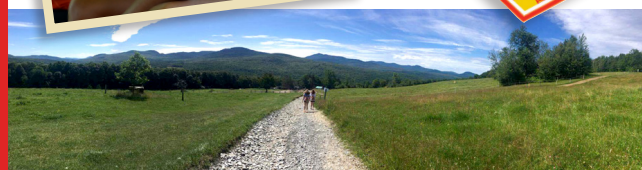


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